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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : SLISHMAN, et al.
FOR : RANDOM SAMPLING AS A BUILT-IN
FUNCTION FOR DATABASE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicants submit the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicants are aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

Under Rule 98(a)(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for information that is in the English language. Accordingly, the enclosed patents require no further explanation (or no translation is available).

U.S. Patent(s):

AA- 5,511,190 to Sharma, et al.
AB- 5,675,786 to McKee, et al.
AC- 5,970,495 to Baru, et al.
AD- 6,049,861 to Bird, et al.
AE- 6,092,085 to Keene
AF- 6,128,611 to Doan, et al.

Other Art:


"Introduction to Mathematical Statistics" by Hogg and Craig,
5th ed., page 123.

BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Under Rule 97(b)(3), this information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and accordingly no fee is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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